

CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. O-18-640

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 12.10 OF THE MAPLE VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE, ENTITLED “ROAD STANDARDS”, TO ADD SUBSECTION, 12.10.025, ENTITLED “COMPLETE STREETS”, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND REVISIONS.

WHEREAS, the term “Complete Streets” describes a comprehensive integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicle drivers, transit users, emergency service providers and freight movers, and people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, more than 110,000 pedestrians and bicyclists are injured each year on roads in the United States with children and older adults at greatest risk and disproportionately affected; and

WHEREAS, the occurrence and severity of pedestrian and bicyclist injuries could readily be decreased by implementing a Complete Streets practices; and

WHEREAS, the community desires for safe streets to improve walkability and bike-ability while connecting the neighborhoods of Maple Valley with key destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Maple Valley seeks to develop a transportation system that provides for alternate modes of transportation such as pedestrian and bicycle travel; and

WHEREAS, the Maple Valley City Council seeks to improve the safety of city streets, enhance the quality of life of residents, encourage active living, and reduce traffic congestion by providing safe, convenient and comfortable routes for walking, bicycling and public transportation, and

WHEREAS, upon adoption of this ordinance, Maple Valley will be eligible to apply for grant funding from the Transportation Improvement Board complete streets grant program.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment. Chapter 12.10, Road Standards, is hereby amended to include a new subsection, 12.10.025, Complete Streets, which shall read as follows:

12.10.025 Complete Streets.

A. The city of Maple Valley will plan for, design and construct all new transportation projects to provide appropriate accommodation for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users and persons of all abilities in comprehensive and connected network with the following exceptions:

1. Where their establishment would be contrary to public health and safety; or
2. Where there is no identified long-term need; or
3. Where there are significant adverse environmental impacts to streams, wetlands, steep slopes, or other critical areas; or
4. Where there are significant adverse impacts on neighboring land uses, including impacts from right-of-way acquisition; or
5. Where the public works director grants a documented exception which may only be authorized in specific situations where conditions warrant. Such site-specific exceptions shall not constitute general changes to the standards set in Section 12.10.

B. Except in unusual or extraordinary circumstances, complete streets principles may not apply to the following:

1. Repairs made pursuant to pavement opening and restoration allowed by approval of the public works director.
2. Ordinary maintenance activities designed to keep assets in serviceable condition (e.g., mowing, cleaning, sweeping, spot repair and surface treatments such as chip seal, or interim measures on detour or haul routes).

C. Complete streets may be achieved through single projects or incrementally through a series of smaller improvements or maintenance activities over time. All sources of transportation funding should be drawn upon to implement complete streets. Maximum financial flexibility is important to implement complete streets principles.

D. Street design must provide for the maximum loading conditions anticipated. The width and grade of the pavement must conform to specific standards set forth herein for safety and uniformity.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be preempted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or preemption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. Effective Date. A summary of this ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five days after adoption and publication.

Section 4. Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the code reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors; references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON
THIS 23rd DAY OF APRIL 2018.**

Sean P. Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shaunna Lee-Rice, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Patricia Taraday, City Attorney

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